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**AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION**

In response to the final Office Action mailed May 19, 2009, the Applicant submits this amendment and request for continued examination. Applicant respectfully requests entry of the amendment and reconsideration of the claims, as amended herein.

**FEE CALCULATION**

Any additional fee required has been calculated as follows:

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#### **SUMMARY OF AMENDMENTS**

1. ☐ If checked, an amended abstract is submitted herewith.
2. ☒ If checked, amendment(s) to the drawings are submitted herewith.
3. ☒ If checked, amendment(s) to the specification are submitted herewith.
4. ☒ If checked, amendment(s) to the claims are submitted herewith.

#### **CONTINGENT EXTENSION REQUEST**

If this communication is filed after the shortened statutory time period had elapsed and no separate Petition is enclosed, the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks is petitioned, under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), to extend the time for filing a response to the outstanding Office Action by the number of months which will avoid abandonment under 37 C.F.R. §1.135. The fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17 should be charged to our Deposit Account No. 500864.